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SUBJ: FORNMIN VAZQUEZ' VIEW ON CUBAN QUESTION

1. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH FORNMIN VAZQUEZ THIS AFTERNOON HE MADE THE FOL POINTS:

A) THE PASTRANA GOVT WOULD NOT ACT UNILATERALLY TO RENEW RELATIONS WITH CUBA
IN THE REMAINING DAYS OF ITS TENURE.

B) HE DISTINGUISHED THE AGREEMENT ON HIJACKING SIGNED YESTERDAY (BOGOTA 6497) FROM THE GENERAL POLICY QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA AND SAID IT WAS NO MORE THAN THE US, VENEZUELA AND MEXICO HAD ALREADY DONE. HE DID ADD THAT IT WOULD STIMULATE LOCAL SENTIMENT FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

C) HE HAD TELEPHONED LOPEZ TO TELL HIM ABOUT THE HIJACKING AGREEMENT AND LOPEZ "ENTHUSIASTICALLY" ENDORSED THE INITIATIVE, SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING VAZQUEZ TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD LOPEZ' APPROVAL.

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D) HE HAD, HOWEVER, NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO LOPEZ ABOUT

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THE DEEPER ISSUE AND HE FRANKLY DID NOT KNOW WHAT LOPEZ THOUGHT
OR WHAT PLANS HE MIGHT HAVE. HE BELIEVED LOPEZ UNDOUBTEDLY FAVORED
AN END TO CUBA'S ISOLATION AND LOPEZ WAS QUITE CAPABLE OF SIMPLY
ANNOUNCING, A LA PERON, DURING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS THAT HE
INTENDED TO RENEW RELATIONS.

E) VAZQUEZ THOUGHT OAS ACTION WAS FAR PREFERABLE TO UNILATERAL
ACTIONS, BUT HE THOUGHT THE LATTER WERE INEVITABLE IF SOME OAS
ACTION IS NOT TAKEN VERY SOON. THE RIO TREATY AND THE CONCEPT OF
COLLECTIVE SECURITY WERE BEING WEAKENED, BUT THIS WAS INEVITABLE
UNLESS THE OAS BROUGHT THE JURIDICAL SITUATION INTO CONSONANCE
WITH REALITY.

F) VAZQUEZ NOTED COSTA RICA'S FORMULA, AND SAID HE SYMPATHIZED
WITH THE PURPOSE BUT HE THOUGHT IT TOO COMPLICATED. HE PARTICULARLY
DISAGREED WITH A COMMISSION TO STUDY WHETHER CUBA WAS STILL A
THREAT TO THE PEACE. THIS, HE SAID, WAS A DELAYING TACTIC.
NO SUCH DISCUSSION COULD BE FRUITFUL, IT COULD GO ON FOREVER;
ALMOST ANYBODY CAN BE CLAIMED TO BE A THREAT TO THE PEACE.

G) HE SAID HE FAVORED AN OAS DECISION TO SIMPLY LET EACH NATION
DECIDE FOR ITSELF WHETHER IT WANTS RELATIONS WITH CUBA. BUT
UNDER MY QUESTIONING HE CONCEDED THAT THE OAS COULD NOT BE
STRENGTHENED IF IT FAILED COLLECTIVELY TO COME TO GRIPS WITH
THE BASIC QUESTION THAT LED TO THE SANCTIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE
VIZ., IS CUBA A DANGER TO THE PEACE; DOES IT INTERVENE?

H) ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER, HE MAINTAINED THAT THE WAY THE OAS
APPROACHED THE QUESTION COULD NOT BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELAYING
A DECISION,
NOR COULD IT INVOLVE IDEOLOGY. IDEOLOGY SHOULD BE
SEPARATED FROM THE FACTS OF WHETHER OR NOT CUBA SUBVERTS. HE
SAID THAT PERHAPS WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IS TO ADOPT FACIO'S
INITIATIVE BUT HAVE THE MEETING CONSIDER ONLY WHETHER THE SPEC-
IFIC FACTS, I.E. INTERVENTION IN VENEZUELA, THAT LED TO THE 1964
SANCTIONS, STILL EXISTED. AGAIN I PRESSED HIM ON THE POINT
THAT THE VENEZUELAN INTERVENTION WAS, IN THE CONTEXTOF THE 1964
ACTION, EXEMPLARY OF A BROADER CONCLUSION, VIZ., THAT CUBA
WAS SUBVERTING OTHER COUNTRIES. THE QUESTION OF WHETHER CUBA
WAS DOING THIS ANYWHERE WAS RELEVANT NOT JUST WHETHER IT HAD
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STOPPED IN VENEZUELA. VAZQUEZ THEN STATED THAT NEVERTHELESS
TO AVOID A FRUITLESS, AND ENDLESS DEBATE IN WHICH EVERYONE FROM
CUBAN EXILES TO CHILEAN RIGHTISTS COULD CLAIM WHAT THEY WANTED,
THE OAS HAD TO FIND A WAY TO DECIDE QUICKLY ON CURRENT FACTS,
PRESENT REALITIES AND CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES AND INTERPRETATIONS
IN THE WORLD.

I) VAZQUEZ AFFIRMED THAT TIMES HAD CHANGED, THAT THE SANCTIONS

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AND ISOLATION MADE NO SENSE IN TODAY'S WORLD (AND HE CITED THE ARGENTINE CAR SITUATION AGAIN), AND THAT A WAY HAD TO BE FOUND TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

J) VAZQUEZ SAID THAT AS LONG AS THE US DOES NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE BUT MERELY STANDS PAT NOTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE OAS, AND NATIONS WILL GO OFF ON THEIR OWN WITH UNILATERAL ACTION, ONE BY ONE.

2. I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT I PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO CARACAS AT THE END OF THE WEEK AND WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO CONSULT WITH AMB MAILLIARD WHO WOULD BE THERE. I THUS WOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION LATER ON AS TO THE USG'S CURRENT VIEWS ON THIS GENERAL QUESTION. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE A CHANCE TO TALK TO HIM AGAIN ON MONDAY AFTER I RETURNED TO EXPLORE THE QUESTION FURTHER. HE SAID HE WOULD BE EAGER TO DO SO; HE NOTED THAT LOPEZ IS DUE BACK IN COLOMBIA THIS WEEK-END AND HE WOULD BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM AND EXPLORE HIS VIEWS AND PLANS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT VAZQUEZ BELIEVES THAT CUBAN ISOLATION MUST BE ENDED AND THAT THE PROBLEM IS TO FIND A WAY FOR THE OAS TO DO IT NOT TO DELAY IT. IF IT DOES NOT ACT HE BELIEVES THE SITUATION WILL SIMPLY CONTINUE TO CRUMBLE. I AM SURE THAT LOPEZ WOULD FEEL EVEN STRONGER ON THE SUBJECT. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT LOPEZ MAY ALREADY HAVE MADE UP HIS MIND AND LAID HIS PLANS; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE WOULD LISTEN TO A MULTILATERAL FORMULA, BUT NOT, I WOULD GUESS, JUST TO DELAY ACTION. IF HE HAS MADE UP HIS MIND TO MOVE UNILATERALLY, HE WILL BE HARD TO DISSUADE. IN ANY CASE, LOPEZ' THINKING AND PLANS ARE FOR THE MOMENT THE UNKNOWS IN THE COLOMBIAN SITUATION.
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